

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

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HY-KO PRODUCTS COMPANY, )  
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Plaintiff,                 )  
                                ) CASE NO. 5:08cv1961  
v.                            )  
                                ) JUDGE DAVID D. DOWD, JR.  
THE HILLMAN GROUP, INC., )  
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Defendant.                 )  
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2008 TO DECEMBER 27, 2008**

Pursuant to the Court's Case Management Plan and Trial Order dated November 12, 2008, the parties report the following:

**(1) Status of Discovery**

During the reporting period, Hillman responded to Plaintiff Hy-Ko Products Company's ("Hy-Ko") first set of interrogatories and requests for production. Also, the Hillman Group, Inc. ("Hillman") served Hy-Ko its first set of interrogatories and requests for production. Further, the parties are presently negotiating the contents of a protective order for the Court's approval.

**(2) Status of Settlement**

No settlement discussion has occurred during the reporting period.

**(3) Motions Filed**

During the reporting period, a pro hac vice motion for one of Hillman's attorneys was filed. No motion remains pending.

**(4) Potential Deviation from Schedule**

The parties do not believe a deviation from the current schedule is necessary.

Dated: December 29, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing JOINT STATUS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008 TO DECEMBER 27, 2008 was electronically filed on this 29th day of December, 2008. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

/s/ Daniel F. Gourash

One of the Attorneys for Defendant The Hillman Group, Inc.